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Dear Madam Chairman:

I am writing in response to your November 6 letter requesting that the Department of State provide to the House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC) cables and memoranda relating to the September 11 attack on our mission in Benghazi. We appreciate your committee's interest in understanding the circumstances of the attack in Benghazi and how to prevent and protect against similar attacks in the future. We share your commitment.

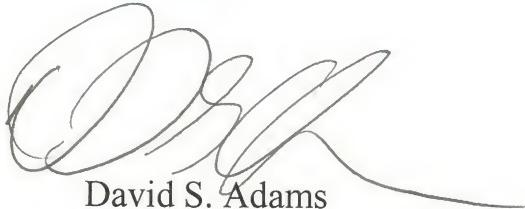
The Department is currently in the process of gathering and reviewing records responsive to Congressional requests. Our efforts have already identified a large volume of potentially responsive records that address the security situation leading up to the attack.

In order to facilitate your committee's work, we want to offer you and other Members of the Committee the opportunity to review these cables and memoranda. This set of material contains classified and other sensitive information, including information about the security of U.S. diplomatic missions overseas, foreign government information, and personally identifiable information, the unauthorized release of which could cause damage to national security and foreign relations. Mindful of these concerns, the Department is prepared to make copies of these records available for the Committee's *in camera* review.

The Honorable
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives.

Please contact me to make arrangements for review of these documents. The Department looks forward to working with your committee on this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DS Adams".

David S. Adams
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cc: The Honorable Howard L. Berman